

**THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Sept. 27: TBA

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.  
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<i>THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 3	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Oct. 4	9:00 AM	For Helen Fariello
Mon Oct. 5		No Public Mass
Tue Oct. 6	8:30 AM	<b>NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK ONLY</b>
Wed Oct. 7	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Oct. 8	8:30 AM	For Richard Bacon
Fri Oct. 9		No Public Mass
<i>THE 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 10	5:00 PM	For the Special Intentions of Ken Steffen
Sun. Oct. 11	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, President Trump, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**Birthdays** – October 15 – Cadence Ryan, October 19-Kyleigh Huffman, October 24-Bob Huffman & Macyann Huffman, October 27-Lindey Kiser, October 28-Penny Kluesener & Julie Feinauer, October 29-Shelli Schroder



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA** –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your **convenience**. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700      Total Commitments (as of Aug. 31): \$9,370

**GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS** – 16 days left! Please continue to sell tickets to your coworkers, friends, family members, or anyone you encounter. We have the potential to net \$1500 for our parish if we sell all 2,000 tickets. The drawing will be held at noon on October 18. Also, a big thank you to Warren Richardson who paid for the printing of the tickets.

**FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP** – U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us it is our duty to participate in political life as well as a moral obligation. Please check out [Faithfulcitizenship.org](http://Faithfulcitizenship.org) to find help in forming your consciences through being open to the truth, studying scripture, and Church teaching. Use this info when casting your vote!

**PRO LIFE SIGNS AVAILABLE** – The parish has purchased pro-life and vote pro-life signs for the parish to put in their yards. We have 13. Please take one if you wish. Also, if you wish to make a small donation to the parish for your sign it would be appreciated.

**RESPECT LIFE MASS AT CATHEDRAL** – There will be Mass at the Cathedral and most parishes in our diocese at 7PM on October 13. St. Matthew will not have this Mass due to Father's teaching schedule. You are urged to attend a Mass somewhere and all pray together for our nation to respect life at every level: from conception to death.

**PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS** – The Sunday Mass on October 11 will be celebrated by Bishop Foys and will also be Father Straub's official installation as our pastor. This is our first installation of a pastor since Fr. Barth came in 2010. Please plan to attend to show the Bishop how thankful we are to have our own pastor and to show Fr. Straub your support. We will have a socially distanced reception afterwards out front if the weather cooperates. We will have a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

**ACUE COLLECTION** – This collection benefits the inner city schools supported by the ACUE. This collection will occur on the weekend of Oct. 17 & 18. Please be as generous as you are able.

## FROM THE PASTOR – ENDS AND MEANS

Continuing with our review of morality in regards to voting and politics, we must understand that classic line which applies well to morality: the ends do not justify the means. What this line indicates in the Catholic perspective on morality is that we cannot merely judge moral actions based on only the result. Even if a good result occurs, this does not and cannot justify using immoral or evil means to bring about the good result. To judge the moral weight of a free, intentional act requires us to look at the three basic parts.

- 1) Intention – What is the intention the individual has in performing the act?
- 2) Object – What is it that the individual is doing?
- 3) Circumstances – These not only include the results but also any secondary factors which could change the act or alter the intention.

If any one of these three parts is tainted by a breach of the law of God, it renders the act evil and sinful, no matter what. It should go without saying that we should avoid and discourage all actions which are evil, especially intrinsically evil acts (acts that are always wrong no matter the intention or circumstances). We are called as Catholics and as disciples of Jesus Christ to avoid sin and evil and strive to do the good in every situation.

What does this have to do with voting? This understanding of the moral prerogative in our Catholic faith to do the good and avoid evil means that we must be on the guard against committing evil in voting. Catholics cannot merely vote just on party preference, because no one party can lay claim to acting in a completely moral manner. We must vote based on our faith and the application of our beliefs and principles in the political sphere to the greatest extent possible.

The American bishops remain insistent about not advocating for a political party. It is the duty of the clergy to form the consciences and minds of the faithful so that they act in accord with the beliefs and teachings of the Catholic Church. Yet we must weigh whether the candidate we are inclined to vote for is one who actually supports or avoids denigrating the truths of our faith which come from God.

Catholics cannot knowingly participate with political candidates or politicians who knowingly advocate and implement policies which are contrary to our faith. The Church has time and again warned all the faithful against participating with contradictory parties and candidates. We cannot compromise or weaken our beliefs when it comes to our participation in the political life of our country. Next week, we shall see what are the main issues upon which we ought to determine who is the best candidate for us. Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us remain faithful to God first even when we go to the polls.

*Rev. Jacob Straub*